

Message

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Subject: Re: 2017 Tallassee Title VI complaint

Betsy,

Thanks for the response.

We're going to circle back to the people on your list and will get back to you as quickly as possible to confirm interview times.

Best,

Marianne

From: "Biffi, Betsy" <Biffi.Betsy@epa.gov>
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Subject: RE: 2017 Tallassee Title VI complaint

Hello Marianne,

Thank you for your response to our request to speak with some of your clients regarding the 2017 Stone's Throw Landfill complaint. We're sorry that you were unable to coordinate with everyone for any of the dates we originally proposed. Below we have provided additional dates and times (all times Eastern). If you or your clients are not available for any of these dates, please provide us with dates that do work and we will do our best to accommodate them:

Monday 11/6 – any time
 Tuesday 11/7 – either 1-2 or between 3-5pm
 Wednesday 11/8 – any time after 10am
 Monday 11/13 – any time

You also asked about what we wanted to discuss. ECRCO would like to hear about conditions related to the landfill since the filing of the complaint in April; any interactions your clients have had with ADEM or the landfill since the filing of the complaint; and, for those who were involved in the hearing on the permit renewal, about their experiences there.

Thanks very much,

Betsy Biffi

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Subject: 2017 Tallassee Title VI complaint

Re: 2017 Stone's Throw Landfill Complaint

Betsy,

Thanks for reaching out about the 2017 Tallassee complaint. We are responding on behalf of our client, the Ashurst Bar/Smith Community Organization (ABSCO).

Members of ABSCO, including Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) among others, welcome the opportunity to speak with ECRCO. To the extent that we can, we are happy to coordinate conversations with ABSCO members.

To our knowledge, this is the first communication that complainants have had with your office since the acknowledgement of the complaint, and before proceeding, it would be helpful to have clarity on the issues ECRCO plans to cover in the interviews so that they can prepare. Please provide us with a list of interview questions or topic areas, which will help to ensure that the interview time is used productively.

Also, we are unable to accommodate the quick turnaround time and will need additional dates in the coming weeks that are convenient for you. Please provide multiple time slots, if possible, over the coming 2-4 weeks, though we will try to coordinate schedules to organize two group interviews, as you suggested.

Please let us know what times would work for ECRCO, but please give us more than a week's notice.

Thank you again for reaching out. We look forward to talking.

Very best,

Marianne

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Subject: 2017 Tallasse Title VI complaint

Hello Marianne,

I'm reaching out in regards to the 2017 Tallasse complaint. In connection with that complaint, ECRCO would like to interview the people I've listed below. I am not certain whether you represent everyone listed. If anyone is not a client and you prefer we contact them directly, please just let me know that.

If possible, we'd like to speak with them in two groups (it does not matter which group we speak with first):

1st group:

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

2nd group:

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

We would like to schedule a one-hour conversation with each group. We currently have availability the following days:

- Thursday, Oct. 26 – between 10am-noon
- Monday, Oct. 30 – we are flexible this day, let us know what would work
- Tuesday, Oct. 31 – between 1pm-3pm

We can do both groups on the same day, or speak with them on separate days if that works better for you. If the days and times we've suggested don't work, please let us know some alternatives.

Thanks very much,

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